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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1911.

Most of the reference books tell us that the population of China is about 400,000,000, but not a few observant travellers have deemed this estimate extravagant. Mr. ROCKHILL, who travelled extensively in China before he became the United States Minister in Peking, expressed in 1904 the opinion that all the official estimates made within the past 150 years were far in excess of the truth, and his conclusion was that the number of inhabitants of China Proper was probably less than 270,000,000. This agrees nearly enough with an estimate made in 1876 by Mr. HIPPESLEY, of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs service. Sir ALEXANDER HOSIE, British Commercial Attaché in Peking, is another authority who dissents from the currently accepted estimate of 400,000,000. In his Report for 1906 he wrote: "Having visited 15 of the 18 provinces of China Proper as well as the three Manchurian provinces, and seen how scantily many of them are populated, I doubt very much whether the whole of China, Manchuria, Mongolia, and the Hsin Chiang, or New Dominion, contain a population at all approaching the usually accepted 400,000,000." Yet, in the annual

reports published by the Imperial Maritime Customs we get the population of the eighteen Provinces of China Proper given as being nearer 450 millions than 400 millions. Mr. H. B. MOORE, in his well-known book on "The Trade and Administration of the Chinese Empire," gives the area of China Proper as 1,535,000 English square miles; that of Manchuria as 385,000 square miles, and Mongolia, Tibet, Turkestan, etc., as comprising an area of 2,400,000 English square miles. This gives a total of 4,320,000 square miles for the whole Chinese Empire. The Customs estimate of the population—438,425,000—is only for the Eighteen Provinces and Manchuria, that is to say, for less than half the entire area of the Empire. In future publications by the Customs Statistical Department we presume these figures will be corrected in accordance with the statistics which have just been compiled as the result of the Census of Families which was undertaken throughout China Proper and Manchuria last year. Why, while the authorities were about it, they did not secure an enumeration of the whole of the population, instead of merely ascertaining the number of families and "the number of sub-families" (which we presume means families who are not householders) we do not know. The method followed has been to number the families and sub-families and then multiply the total by five (as being the average size of a family) in order to get an approximate idea of the total population. In this way the conclusion is reached that the total population of China Proper with Manchuria and the City of Peking is 312,420,025, and when we add these figures an estimate of the population of the New Dominions, we have official authority, at least, for continuing to speak of the Chinese Empire as having a population of about 400 millions. A comparison of the estimated population of the various provinces as given in the *Cabinet Gazette* and the *Customs Gazette* reveal some striking differences. For example, in the former we have the population of Szechuan set down as 16,392,105, while in the latter publication it is given as 78,711,000. Sir ALEXANDER HOSIE estimated the population of this province in 1904 as 45,000,000. The *Cabinet Gazette* gives the population of the Province of Kwangtung as 25,268,900, while the *Customs Gazette* gives it as 32,000,000. The enumeration made last year is probably very trustworthy, for in the neighbouring provinces, and doubtless elsewhere, many people imagined that the taking of the census was for purposes of taxation, and accordingly did their best to get themselves overlooked by the census officers; but the census has the merit of being the first serious attempt of the kind made for very many years to get an approximate idea of the population, and the statistics now published will probably be accepted henceforth as the most authoritative figures available.

The railway time-table for the through service to Canton is advertised on page 5.

The Rev. F. T. JOHNSON, Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, returned to the Colony from Australia yesterday by the *s.s. Empire*.

A letter from Mr. Bowley in reply to Mr. Wilkinson's letter which appeared in yesterday's *Daily Press* is held over until to-morrow.

A marriage has been arranged between Edward Ritchie Morris, of Shanghai, and Mary Forrester, daughter of J. Fortune, of Bengalia, Kirkcudbrightshire.

Mr. G. Warren Swire and Mrs. Swire, widow of the late John Swire, founder of the firm of Butterfield & Swire, arrived last week in Shanghai by steamer from Dairen.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in the autumn, between Captain H. Morrison Perry, Royal Army Medical Corps, Hongkong, and Eleanor, second daughter of the late Edward Griffith Brewer, of Strawberry Hill.

A marriage has been arranged between Edward Otter Reis, Commissioner of Maritime Customs, China, eldest son of the late Adolph Reis, of Shanghai, and Kathleen Margaret Victor, eldest daughter of the late Richard Henry Handcock, Lieutenant Royal Munster Fusiliers, and of Mrs. Handcock, 14, Chancery Road, Bedford.

After a very troublesome two years' work the liquidators in the large local German firm of E. Meyer & Co., says the *China Critic* of Tientsin, have at last managed to wind it up, the property and other valuable assets having been gradually disposed of satisfactorily, and the German Consulate now notifies its final liquidation, which was completed on September 1, 1911. The assets dealt with ran into more than a million and a half taels.

At the Magistracy yesterday Mr. Hazland convicted a Chinese of stealing a jacket from a countryman on board the *s.s. Sai Tai*, and sentenced him to two months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks. Another thief who was found guilty of stealing a quantity of silk clothing and money of a total value of \$10.25 from a passenger on the *s.s. Sai Ning* was sentenced to imprisonment for two months with hard labour.

The Colony was again free from plague last week. There were, however, two fatal cases of small-pox. The other cases of communicable diseases notified were one of diphtheria, two of enteric fever, and one of paratyphoid fever.

Sergeant Gerrard executed a gambling warrant at 15, Moon Street, on Sunday night and arrested 15 gamblers, the remainder of the school escaping by the scaffolding which was erected in front of the house. The offenders were charged before Mr. Hazland at the Magistracy yesterday and fined \$3 each.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday Commander C. W. Beckwith, E.N. fined the master of a fishing junk \$5 for being in Causeway Bay without the permission of the Harbour Master. A charge of blowing the whistle of the launch *Sin Tukoo* other than for the purpose of navigation, preferred against the coxswain, was dismissed, and the defendant was cautioned.

According to Swedish newspapers, the managing-director of the Swedish East Asiatic Steamship Line, Mr. Bröström, of Göteborg, intends to take a trip to the Far East for the purpose of studying the economic conditions. The Swedish Ambassador in Japan, Mr. Wallenberg, has declared that the success of this new line to Japan is secure. The steamers on the voyage out have to call at Chinese ports. The line will gradually be extended to Java and Sumatra.

An Indian policeman from Shaikwan charged four Chinese with obstruction before Mr. Hazland at the Magistracy yesterday. According to the complainant's story, while on duty near the Siwan-o market he saw a quantity of wood lying on the footpath outside a contractor's shop. When he ordered a man belonging to the shop to remove it, the latter struck him on the nose with the back of a chopper and ran into the shop. The policeman followed and arrested him, and when he got outside he was attacked by other Chinese. The hearing was adjourned.

At the United States Court for China, at Shanghai, before Mr. Frank W. Hadley, Vice-Consul, acting judicially, Frank Foster, comedian, Savoy Hotel, was charged with having conducted a certain gambling game known as "one to five," in the billiard room of the Astor Bar, on the 7th inst. A further charge of being a professional gambler and a danger to the peace and good order of the Settlement was framed against him. After Det. Sgt. Reeves had given evidence, the accused was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment to date from the time of arrest.

ASSAULT AT POKFULAM.

Mr. C. Clementi, Assistant Colonial Secretary, appeared before Mr. Hazland at the Magistracy yesterday to prosecute five Chinese on a charge of assault. The defendants, who were employed at the French Fathers' Sanatorium, were sitting on a parapet above the Pokfulam, Road at dusk on Sunday evening when Commodore Eyles, Miss Eyles and Mr. Clementi approached. As the riders were passing the parapet the Chinese threw stones at them, and one of the stones threw hit Miss Eyles on the hat. Mr. Clementi rode back, seized one of the Chinese and took him to the Pokfulam Police Station, and subsequently the other four were arrested. His Worship bound each of the defendants over in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for one year.

KULANGSU (AMOI) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The following minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at the Board Room, on the 5th September, have been forwarded for publication:—

Present:—Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chairman), Y. Kikuchi, Rev. G. M. Wales, W. Wilson, the Health Officer and the Secretary.

Letters were read from Mr. Julian H. Arnold informing the Council that he has resumed charge of the American Consulate, and from H. B. M. Consul notifying the Council that he has handed over the duties of Senior Consul to Mr. Arnold.

The Secretary reports an interview he has had with a representative of the Amoy Tinning Co., concerning their application to reclaim ground and construct a bund at Lai-choo-ch.

A letter is read from Mr. Nin Chin Hoi concerning the valuation of his property. The matter is passed to the Assessment Committee.

The Secretary reports considerable damage by the storm to roads, drains, walls, trees, and lamps within the Settlement. In connection with the matter of repairs, &c., necessary to the drains, &c., it is decided to have special attention paid to the drains in the village, with a view to putting a stop to the smells arising from same.

The Capt. Supt. reports that the following cases have been dealt with at the Mixed Court since the last meeting:—Summons:—Breach of Municipal Regns. (disorderly house), 1; obtaining money under false pretences, 1; assault, 4; throwing rubbish, &c., into public drains, 5; encroaching on a grave, 1; failing to keep premises in a sanitary state, 6; failing to carry out an agreement, 1; refusing to quit tenancy of land, 1. Summary Arrests:—Assault, 10; theft, 2; breach of quarry regulations, 1; kidnapping, 1.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"SANITAS"—No. We believe the work on Sanitation is not yet ready for the press. We are also given to understand there may be a further slight delay in publication owing to the difficulty experienced in selecting a suitable title for the book. We cannot undertake to receive suggestions as to a fitting name for the work: they should be submitted to the author direct.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

LONDON, September 25th.

The French reply proposes certain modifications of the formulae in which the French control of Morocco is set forth, notably that France insists upon the relations between Morocco and the Powers being carried on through France.

The Paris Cabinet has approved of the reply to the German Note, which M. de Selves dispatched by a special messenger to Berlin.

A REASSURING STATEMENT.

LATER.

Reuter's correspondent at Alencor cables that M. Caillaux, speaking at a banquet, deprecated exaggerating the gravity of the present difficulties. "We are doing," he said, "all we can to ensure France having complete liberty of action in Morocco. We do not doubt that France and Germany, both desiring peace, will reach a lasting agreement."

ANOTHER VIEW.

LATER.

The *Temps* thinks that the Franco-German and Franco-Spanish agreements and Italy's movements in Tripoli will not exhaust the African problem. It suggests the exchange of the Central African territories of which the Nile valley is the natural outlet for territories in the vicinity of Lake Chad which would become a French lake.

ITALY AND TURKEY.

LONDON, September 25th.

There is considerable anti-Italian feeling in Tripoli as the result of alleged Italian territorial designs.

Italians are leaving, as they fear a Turkish rising.

A telegram from Port Said states that the Turks have captured the Italian liner *Regina Margherita* at Messina.

The *Daily Telegraph* states that Italy has sounded the Powers regarding their attitude in the event of Italy taking forcible action in Tripoli and that the Powers expressed themselves favourably.

A SIGNIFICANT ORDER.

LONDON, September 25th.

Malta telegrams state that the British cruiser *Medea* has been ordered to proceed eastward under sealed orders to-morrow.

IMPORTANT HEALTH DISCOVERY.

LONDON, September 25th.

Professor Anthony has arrived at Plymouth. He has been investigating the causes of various fevers in Africa. He stated that he had discovered a cure for blackwater by the injection of an arsenical preparation. It had secured 93 per cent. of success.

LABOUR PARTY AND LIBERALISM.

LONDON, September 25th.

Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., speaking at a Labour demonstration at Bristol, defended the Labourite action of designating a Labour candidate for the bye-election at Kilmarnock Burghs. If the threats they received were meant for a challenge they were willing to accept it. They did not wish to hold seats in the House of Commons or elsewhere by favour of the Liberals.

THE FOUR-POWER LOAN TO CHINA.

LONDON, September 25th.

Conferences between representatives of the Four Powers interested in the Chinese loan were opened at Berlin at the Deutsche Asiatische Bank. An agreement was reached regarding currency reform and the steps required for carrying out the reform programme. The loan will not be issued just yet.

BRITISH AIRSHIP WRECKED.

LONDON, September 25th.

After four months of alteration, the naval airship on leaving the shed at Barrow broke in the middle and was wrecked.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, September 25th.

The death of the Earl of St. Germans is announced.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

FRENCH NAVAL DISASTER.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, September 25th.

A Marseilles telegram reports that fire broke out in the ammunition hold of the French warship *Liberte* and that the vessel sank in nineteen minutes, from 433 to 500 men being drowned.

ANOTHER FRENCH DREADNOUGHT.

LONDON, September 25th.

The French Dreadnought *Courbet* was launched at L'Orient.

SUPER-DREADNOUGHT LAUNCHED.

LONDON, September 25th.

At Camden, New Jersey, the Argentine super-Dreadnought *Morona* was launched. She is of 27,000 tons and has a speed of 22½ knots.

EX-SHAH CAPTURED.

LONDON, September 25th.

The *Morning Post* correspondent at Tehran telegraphs that a Turcoman chief has wired the Cabinet that he has captured the ex-Shah and is asking for instructions.

JOHNSON-WELLS FIGHT.

LONDON, September 25th.

The Bishop of Winchester has written to *The Times* denouncing the Johnson-Wells fight. He declares that no problem is causing more anxiety than the colour problem.

RUSSIA'S POLICY.

LONDON, September 25th.

A St. Petersburg telegram states that the semi-official *Rossiyskiye* declares that the rumours as to a change in Russian policy as the result of the assassination of M. Stolypin are unfounded. The talk about the growth of absolutism is evidently aimed at unsettling the public mind. The idea of a popular assembly, adds the journal, is rooted in the minds of the people and forms a firm foundation on which to fight against revolution.

The appointment of M. Kokovtsov as Premier is officially announced in St. Petersburg.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

The Directors, in submitting to shareholders the Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank, and of the Profit and Loss Account for the Half-year ended 30th June, 1911, say:—

The Gross Profit of the Bank for the past Half-year, including yen 1,167,789 brought forward from last account, amount to yen 11,700,714, of which yen 8,767,386 have been deducted for interests, taxes, current expenses, rebate on bills current and doubtful debts, bonus for officers and clerks, &c., leaving a balance of yen 2,933,327 for appropriation.

The Directors now propose that yen 300,000 be added to the Reserve Fund, and recommend a Dividend at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, which will absorb yen 1,440,000.

The Balance, yen 1,193,327, will be carried forward to the credit of next account.

CHINESE SHRUBS AND BRITISH FRUITS.

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW.

The fortnightly meeting of the Royal Horticultural Society was held last month at their hall in Vincent-square, Westminster.

The most important and at the same time the largest group exhibited was the Hon. Viscountess's collection of trees and shrubs that have been raised at Aldenham, Epsom, from seed sent from China by Mr. E. H. Wilson. The group, which was awarded a gold medal, contained specimens of the yellow-stemmed Birch and of *Hydrangea* Sargentii, both at present unknown to the gardens of England, but, which, according to Mr. Wilson, are hardly exceeded in beauty by any tree or shrub in China. The Chinese Tulip-tree, which is said to produce leaves as large as gardeners' aprons, a new large-leaved *Alnus* (tree of Heaven), and many new species at present unnamed of *Alnus*, *Rubus*, *Cornus*, *Vitis*, *Ligustrum*, and *Cotoneaster* also added to the richness of this group. A collection of 800 species and varieties. Most of the specimens were grown in pots, and the restricted root run had undoubtedly dwarfed the habit of many of the plants.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The str. *Bracmar* left Keelung on the 24th inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day p.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Derflinger*, which left here on the 22nd inst., at 5 a.m., arrived at Shanghai on the 25th inst., at 5 a.m.

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CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

September 22nd.

PRICE OF COMMODITIES.

Rice is exceedingly dear here just now. For it is only possible to buy ten *kas* (battles) of first-quality grain. There appears to be a shortage everywhere, and it is said that several of the bigger merchants are endeavoring to make a "corner" in this staple. Sympathetically, firewood, oil and salt have risen in price, and this tells very heavily on the huge section of the populace who exist on the precarious borderland separating poverty from destitution. Just at present there is a very great amount of dissatisfaction in the city, and in the case of a sudden emergency it is almost certain that the large body of the semi-starving would make their presence unpleasantly felt. The want of faith in the government and the unpleasant uncertainty of what is likely to happen in the near future is having a very serious effect on the money market. Money is very tight owing to the large investments that have been made out of the country, and the heavy deposits that have been made by the richer section in the foreign banks. The Mint is working overtime just now in making twenty-cent pieces, as the Viceroy appropriated five hundred ounces of silver for the manufacture of these coins. For a ten-cent piece only eighty cash can be obtained, which is a much smaller quantity than could be obtained some time ago. Talking of these small coins, it is interesting to observe that there is getting to be quite a dearth of them—especially the useful *san fan* bit, or five-cent piece. It is said that certain speculators are busily collecting every one they can lay their hands on, and it is common knowledge that many of the copper coins never emanated from the Government Mints, but are counterfeits. The natives of this province are indeed master-hands in making money out of exchange fluctuations. In fine, the economic conditions of the province are anything but rosy just now, and it is not likely they will improve until more confidence can be placed in the powers that be.

THE VICEROY.

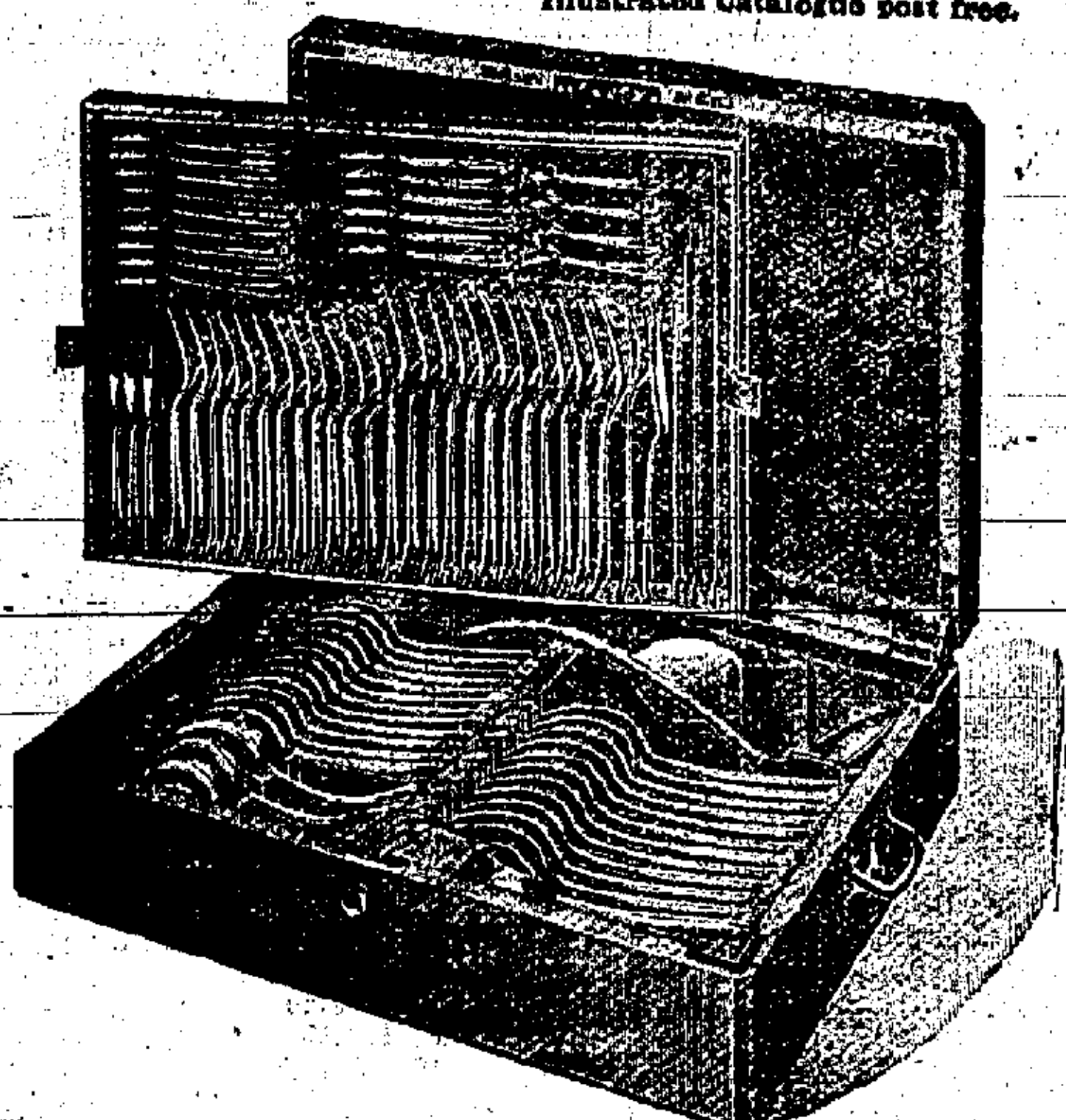
Latterly there have been persistent rumours to the effect that the Viceroy is shortly to be sent to fill a post in the Capital. Rumour has it that H. E. has incurred the displeasure of a certain clique in Peking who are doing their utmost to remove him and rendering his life anything but a bed of roses by almost daily censures of his policy. His attitude towards the *Kak Ming* Tong or rebels, his firmness in suppressing unfriendly demonstrations against Macao, and latterly the policy he has adopted in the railway dispute have all brought denunciation on his head from a certain section of the people. There is no doubt, however, that the Viceroy has proved himself a strong man, and such always incur the envious stings of those jealous of their strength. It is likely, however, from the tenor of certain telegrams recently received from the capital, that H. E. Chang will continue to hold his post. Certain it is that a new Provincial Head being put into power at this juncture would not tend to secure that stability of which the provincial government is so much in want.

THE SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extrême Orient in their Rice circular dated September 21st says:—
On account of the rise in prices and scarcity of paddy and because the new crop will be late owing to the scarcity of rains, our Government in order to prevent famine in the interior decided on the 13th inst. to interdict the export of Rice. Nevertheless the contracts concluded before this date are authorised to be fulfilled.
Authorities are now taking a census of the paddy existing in the country and upon the result of this census will depend whether the decision will be revoked, maintained or extended to a complete interdiction if the result indicates a deficiency of rice.
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POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and post cards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

The *Nippon Maru*, with the American Mail, is due to arrive here to-day.

The attention of the public is drawn to page 10, para 20, of the Hongkong Postal Guide for 1911. Stamps intended for postage purposes may be perforated but not obliterated.

The *Delhi*, with the English Mail, left Singapore on Friday, the 22nd inst., at 5.00 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow at about 6 a.m. This packet brings the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 23rd August, and for despatch overland on the 29th August.

FOR

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DATE

Manila (Taking mails for Cebu and Iloilo)	Chungking	Tuesday, 26th, 9.40 A.M.
Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth and Fremantle		
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Empire	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Yokohama	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Samarang and Sourabaya	Chirpa	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Tsingtau, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin		

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Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to NOON. Extra Postage 10 cents.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hayang	Tuesday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Lightning	Tuesday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila, Iloilo and Cebu	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 26th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Tian	Tuesday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
	Kino Maru	Tuesday, 26th, 5.00 P.M.

Fort Nayard and Haiphong	St. Kiang	Wednesday, 27th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Choshin Maru	Wednesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Namsang	Wednesday, 27th, 11.00 A.M.
Sandakan	Hagwang	Wednesday, 27th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kwanan Maru	Wednesday, 27th, 11.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 27th, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Shaoching	Wednesday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin	Kweichow	Wednesday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.

SHANGHAI	Delhi	Wednesday, 27th, 4.00 P.M.
Manila	Sui Tai	Thursday, 28th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Chinhua	Thursday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Amoy and Shanghai	Tiboda	Thursday, 28th, 4.00 P.M.
Manila (Taking Mails for Cebu and Iloilo)	Nikko Maru	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth and Fremantle		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Friday, 29th, Noon
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Sui Tai	Friday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.

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Manila (Taking Mails for Cebu and Iloilo)	Yuenyang	Saturday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Sui Tai	Saturday, 30th, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kwongang	Saturday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.
	Anhui	Saturday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
		Registration 5.00 P.M.
		Letters 6.00 P.M.

Manila (Taking Mails for Cebu and Iloilo)	Haiching	Tuesday, 3rd, Noon
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Kayfong	Tuesday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.

COMMERCIAL

EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

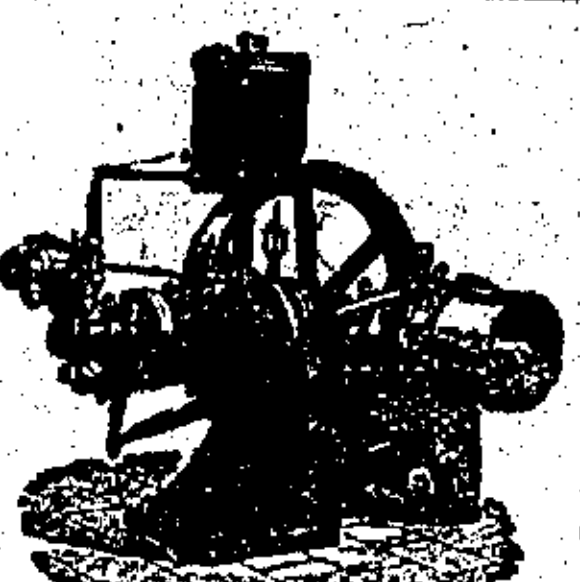
September 25th.	
ON LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	191
Bank Bills, on demand	193
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SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.05
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SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS. HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1911.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$883, sellers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$83 10/
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$101, sellers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$1	all	\$1.70
COTTON MILLS—				
Two Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 87 1/2
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$5
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 44
Loat-Kun-Ming Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 60
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 24
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$23 1/2, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$50
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	\$50, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$5 1/2	all	\$7, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 60
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 83
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$1	all	\$2 1/2, sales
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$119, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$72, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$11
Manila Metropolitan Hotel Limited	8,000	\$10	all	\$165, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	15,000	\$10	all	\$18
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$7
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$7
INSURANCES—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$212, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$127, sales
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$85.50	\$25	\$105
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$560
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 162 1/2
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$830, sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$225, @ Ex 75
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$100
Hampshire's Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$7 1/2
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$28, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	75,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 96 1/2
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$45 1/2, buyers
MINING—				
Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$700
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	230,000	\$1	all	\$3.10
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$11 1/2, sellers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$100, buyers
Refineries—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$135, buyers
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$28 1/2, buyers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$11 1/2
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$21 1/2, a dir.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$26, sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$50, £100
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000	\$1	all	73 1/2, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$37
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$17
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$25
STORES AND DISPENSARIES—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$4, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$2 1/2, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$7 1/2
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$15, buyers
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$4	\$10
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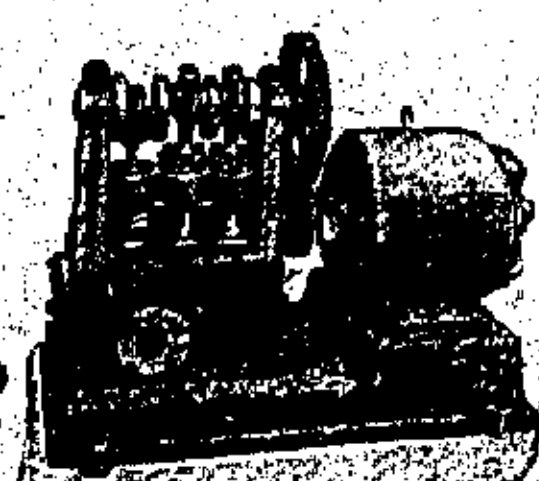
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Patna New	\$4,800 "
Patna Old	\$4,800 "
Bombay New	\$4,800 "
Bombay Old	\$4,700 "

TO-DAY
5.30 P.M.—Annual General Meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, in the City Hall.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.
Thursday, 28th Sept.—Annual General Meeting of Kowloon Cricket Club in the Club Pavilion, 5.15 P.M.
Friday, 29th Sept.—Annual General Meeting of Hongkong Cricket Club, at Pavilion, 6 P.M.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

August 25th—Sineux, Athens. 29th—Candia Sineux. Sept. 1st—Dardanus, Glaucus, Kaps Maru, Poon, Sachsen, Tonkin. 5th—Bayern, Benlar, Benloman, China, Flentehre, Montrose, Buruga. 8th—Bendloch, Malta, Syria. 12th—Chasse, Indian, Liberia, Tennet. 15th—Alcous, Benavon, Cyclops, Inverclyde, Kleit, Persia, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, Afghan Prince. 19th—Ceylon, Ernest Simon, Komet, Persus, Begovi, Silesia, Telamon, Annon, Vanda, Arcadia, Freinjele. 22nd—Atsuta, Maru, Benavon, Jeeperic, Namur, Nore, Tourane, Yunnan.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.
Sept. 22nd—Newport, Iyo Maru, Penbrockshire, Spezia, Tydus.